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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

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THE CROSSING

IN A PLACE OUTSIDE OF TIME...

...STANDS A WOMAN POSSESSED OF GREAT BEAUTY...

...GREAT PASSION...

...AND ABOVE ALL ELSE--

--AN EVEN GREATER HATRED.

HE'S LATE--

--AGAIN.

A CHILLING HATRED...

...NUMBING...

...ALL THE WAY TO THE CORE OF HER FORMER PLACID SOUL...

SHE WAS CALLED THE "CELESTIAL MADONNA" ONCE.

THE CHOSEN MOTHER OF THE PORTENDED CELESTIAL MESSIAH.

TODAY, SHE IS SIMPLY KNOWN AS--

MILADY MANTIS!

--AND HER SOUL HAS BEGUN TO SMOLDER ONCE MORE...

HE'S GOING TO BRING NEWS, YOU KNOW.

ABOUT THE REMAINING BORDER'S SECURITY.

ARE YOU NOT... CONCERNED?

PERHAPS--

--BUT THAT'S NO CONCERN OF YOURS.

MILADY SURELY DOES NOT WISH ANY *FURTHER ILL* TO BEFALL OUR ALREADY *MUCH-TROUBLED* HOUSE--?

YOUR QUESTIONS BEGIN TO ANNOY, **NEUT.**

CLOSE YOUR MOUTH... FOR ***ONCE.***

MILADY... *BEHOLD!*

THE ***TEMPORAL PORTAL*** GAPES WIDE ONCE MORE!

FZZZZZASH!

OUR LORD'S FLAGSHIP RETURNS AT LONG LAST!

COMPLETING ITS ARDUOUS JOURNEY THROUGH AN INTANGIBLE TEMPORAL OCEAN, THE **DIRIGIBLE** LAZILY APPROACHES THE **DOCKING TOWER.**

INSIDE, ITS **CREW** GAZES OUT THE PORTHOLES AT THE HOME THEY ARE SO DETERMINED TO **PROTECT.**

ANOTHER TOUR OF DUTY COMPLETED, THEY THINK OF THEIR **FRIENDS,** THEIR **LOVED ONES...**

...THE PEOPLE THEY'VE **LOST** WHILE FORTIFYING THEIR WORLD AGAINST THE COMING **HOLOCAUST.**

YET, **NONE** AMONG THEM--

--FROM THE HUMBLEST OF THE LOW TO THE HAUGHTIEST OF THE HIGH--

--CAN FATHOM THE IMPORTANCE THESE "**BORDER PATROLS**" HAVE FOR THE FIGURE BEFORE WHOM THEY GENUFLECT.

AND AS THE SHIP YIELDS UP ITS MOST REVERED PASSENGER--

--THE WEAPONSMITH KNOWN AS NEUT AND THE 'QUEEN' OF THIS CHRONOLOGICALLY-DISPLACED REALM PREPARE TO MEET HIM.

EACH ONE PRAYS THAT HIS TIDINGS ARE GOOD...

...BUT NOT NECESSARILY FOR THE SAME REASON.

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HIS NAME IS KANG.

THIS IS HIS DOMAIN. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS DOMAIN.

BUT AS THE WARLORD OF TIME HAS SO RECENTLY DISCOVERED ON HIS LATEST INSPECTION OF THE BOUNDARIES SURROUNDING HIS KINGDOM--

--IT MAY NOT BE HIS DOMAIN FOR VERY MUCH LONGER...

THE TIMING OF IT IS ALL WRONG!

PERIMETER DEFENSES FAILED TO REPEL THE LAST ATTACK ON OUR OUTPOSTS--

--AND THE RESULTING TEMPORAL FEEDBACK HAS LEFT THE HOUSE OF KANG VULNERABLE!

NEUT!

I CAN EXPLAIN, LORD KANG--

I DO NOT WANT YOUR EXPLANATIONS--

--I WANT DOUBLE-SHIFT SECURITY TEAMS ASSIGNED TO ALL CHRONAL CHECKPOINTS IN BI-ANNUAL LOOP RAD!! IS THAT CLEAR?

YESSIR!

I TAKE IT, THEN, THAT THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF OUR DREAD LORD'S ONCE-MIGHTY REALM--

I'M LUCKY TO EVEN HAVE THIS MUCH LEFT AFTER YOUR RASH STUNT, MANTIS!

BY SENDING THE TWINS ON A CROSSING TO RETRIEVE YOUR FORMER COTATI MATE--

--YOU MAY HAVE DELIVERED US ALL INTO THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMY!

IF YOU DO NOT LET GO OF ME--

--YOU'LL WISH I HAD!

REMEMBER--BY ABDUCTING THE COTATI, IT WAS THIS ONE WHO ENSNARED THE MEANS TO ELICIT YOUR HATED ENEMY'S END!

SALUTATIONS, FATHER!

WELCOME HOME!

WE TRUST ALL WENT... WELL...ON YOUR WATCH, AND ARE O! ERJOYED TO SEE YOU SAFE.

UNFORTUN-ATELY--ALL DID NOT GO WELL, TOBIAS. OUR HOME'S SAFETY HAS BEEN COMPRO-MISED.

YOU AND YOUR BROTHER, MALACHI, ARE TO RETRIEVE OUR TERRAN OPERATIVE IMMEDIATELY.

GO, MY SONS--AND DO NOT FAIL ME.

SOUTH HAMPTON, LONG ISLAND... THE HOME OF JANET VAN DYNE...

IN A MOMENT THAT SEEMS TO BE FROZEN IN TIME...

...NINE HEROES STAND AGAINST A MAN THEY CALL FRIEND.

TONY STARK THE IRON MAN.

A MAN OF GREAT TALENT...

...AND POWER!

QUICKSILVER.

GIANT-MAN.

THE WASP.

HAWKEYE.

SWORDSMAN.

BLACK WIDOW.

THE VISION.

CRYSTAL.

HERCULES.

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS.

ZARK!

...INTELLECT...

REPULSOR RAYS!

VISION-- LOOK OUUUFF!

ANTHONY, THIS IS ILLOGICAL.

I CAN'T GET TO LUNA, PIETRO!

I'VE GOT HER, CRYS, HELP THE OTHERS.

MOMMY! DADDY!

YOU BETTER HURRY, TOO!

FZZAAK!

OR ELSE WE'RE ALL--

FZZAAK!

--DEAD! WHOA--!

FZZAAK!

FZZAAK!

THIS MAY CLEAR ME OF THE AVENGERS' SUSPICION--

--BUT THAT WAS JUST A LITTLE TOO CLOSE.

STARK'S FINALLY LOST IT!

FZZAAK!

YOU'D BETTER NOT PUT THAT MASK BACK ON, SHELLHEAD--

--IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

GOTTA MAKE THIS ONE COUNT...

HMMMMM

FWIISH!

KRAK

HERCULES! HE MUST NOT REACH THAT MASK!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!

TELL US WHAT'S WRONG AND WE'LL HELP YOU!

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS! JUST TALK TO US--

KA-SLAM!

KERAK!

--WHY WON'T YOU TALK TO US?!?

TOO LATE TO TALK... NOW...

...BUT I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU EITHER!

WHAK!

SO, HOW HARD ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THIS?

AS H-HARD AS... IT MUST BE...

ZZZZZZ

FOR GOD'S SAKE, TONY--DON'T SHOOT HIM!

IT HAPPENS...

...AGAIN.

ZARK!

DON'T--

EARRGH!

WASP!

HANK... uuuuuuhhhhh...

JAN!

NO...IT CAN'T END... NOT LIKE THIS...

HORRIFIED BY THE SIGHT OF HIS FRIEND'S BROKEN BODY, YET ANOTHER DOOR TO STARK'S TROUBLED SOUL--

--HIS ALREADY FRACTURED SANITY--

--IS SEALED...NEVER TO BE OPENED AGAIN.

FOR NOW AND FOREVERMORE--

--THE DAMAGE IS IRREPARABLE.

WHAT HAVE I BECOME?

STARK!!

KER-RAASH!

AS GIANT-MAN AND THE WASP--FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE AVENGERS--DR. HENRY PYM AND JANET VAN DYNE HAVE BEEN THROUGH LIFE AND LOVE TOGETHER.

MORE THAN JUST OLD FRIENDS...MORE THAN JUST FORMER LOVERS, THEY SHARE A BOND PYM THOUGHT COULD NEVER BE BROKEN--

--BY ANYONE.

HE HAS JUST DISCOVERED HOW WRONG HE COULD BE.

YOU HAD TO TAKE IT ALL AWAY, DIDN'T YOU?!?

FROM HER?!? FROM ME?!?

HIS GRIP...

CRICK CRACK

...LIKE A VICE...

...CRUSHING ARMOR...!

RELEASE HIM, HENRY!!

IF IRON MAN REALLY *WANTED* TO KILL ALL OF US, THEN HE'D BE CLEVER ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH SOME *OTHER* WAY OF DOING IT BY NOW, TRUE?

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT! BUT, YOU'VE GOT TO LET HIM GO SO THAT WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT'S *REALLY* GOING ON!

HERE! TAKE HIM--

--BEFORE I DO SOMETHING I MIGHT REGRET LATER!

TONY!

THAT'S RIGHT, VISION. IRON MAN'S COMING WITH US!

HE'S DE-MATERIALIZING!

FZZAASSH!!

SOME KIND OF PORTAL HAS OPENED BENEATH HIM.

THIS IS GETTING TOO WEIRD!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, BARTON.

THAT GIRL WHO ABDUCTED IRON MAN...

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HER...SOMETHING AWFULLY FAMILIAR...

BINK!

HUSH, LUNA, DADDY'S GOT YOU.

<sniff> IS THE BAD MAN GONE?

YES, HE'S GONE, HONEY.

WHAT ARE JAN'S VITALS, CRYSTAL?

HER BREATHING IS FAINT AND HER PULSE IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT.

I DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING TO MAKE IT, HANK.

PERHAPS, MASTER QUICKSILVER... BUT TO WHERE?

NO! SHE JUST NEEDS PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION--STAT!

WE'LL GET HER TO THE LAB INSIDE!

TRY TO TAKE IT EASY, HANK. I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT...

HAWKEYE'S RIGHT. SHE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT--

SHE'S GOING TO MAKE IT! I'VE SAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES BEFORE...

I CAN SAVE HER--

--I'VE GOT TO SAVE HER!

LUNA'S STILL SCARED, ISN'T SHE?

YES, THIS IS NO PLACE FOR HER TO BE RIGHT NOW.

sob... sob...

HATE TO BE THE BEARER OF *BAD NEWS*--

--BUT THINGS DON'T LOOK SO HOT FOR THE WASP.

HIGH-POCKETS IS WORKING O.T. TO *REVIVE* HER, BUT ODDS ARE *AGAINST* THAT HAPPEN-ING.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO IRON MAN--

BUT IF *LUNA* HOLDS THE KEY TO SOLVING THIS MYSTERY--

"--THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'S GOING TO COME AFTER HER."

LUNA, SWEETHEART... MOMMY AND DADDY PROMISE TO MAKE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT.

NO, MAG-NUSSON--

--EVERYTHING IS *NOT* GOING TO BE 'JUST FINE'.

TUC--?!

WHY ARE YOU HERE, FORTUNE TELLER?

TO WARN THAT FORTUNE *FROWNS* UPON YOU AND YOURS SHOULD YOU STAY HERE

HE WILL COME--

AND *ALL* WILL BE *LOST.*

WHO? IRON MAN?

THE METAL MAN IS THE *LEAST* OF YOUR WORRIES.

I *MUST* TAKE LUNA WITH ME. SHE MUST BE KEPT *SAFE* AT ALL COSTS.

AND THAT'S WHY SHE'S *NOT* GOING *ANYWHERE* WITH YOU!

WHO ARE *YOU* TO BE MAKING DEMANDS OF *US?!? WE'RE* HER *PARENTS!*

THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WON'T BE *ENOUGH*...

WITH A WAVE OF HIS LITHE HANDS, TUC SEDUCES THE TWO AVENGERS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS...

MOMMY? DADDY?

SORRY, *SISTER.* THERE ARE SOME THINGS THEY MAY *NEVER* UNDER-STAND.

THIS FAMILY HAS *LOST ENOUGH* CHILDREN ALREADY.

BUT, DON'T WORRY-- BY THE TIME THEY *WAKE UP*, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO BE AS *FAR AWAY* FROM *HERE*--

--AND *NOW*--

--AS POSSIBLE!

MEANWHILE, AS THE WASP'S LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE...

...HENRY PYM CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT THE LIFE HE SHARED WITH THE WOMAN WHOSE FATE HE NOW HOLDS IN HIS HANDS.

YOU AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH TOO *MUCH* FOR ME TO JUST LET GO OF YOU NOW, JAN.

WE'VE *LAUGHED* TOO MUCH...*CRIED* TOO MUCH...BUT MOST OF ALL--

--WE'VE *LOVED* TOO MUCH--

--TO SAY *GOOD-BYE* THIS WAY.

THAT'S WHY I'M *NOT* LETTING YOU GO.

THAT'S WHY I'M *BRINGING YOU BACK*--

--NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

HIS DYING PATIENT IN PLACE, PYM ACTIVATES A MACHINE SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT GRANTED THE WINSOME WASP HER POWERS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

MY MIND IS STILL REELING--I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT IS HAPPENING...

YOU AND ME *BOTH*, JARVIS. BUT, DON'T DESPAIR --

--JAN'LL PULL THROUGH. IF ANYONE CAN SAVE HER, IT'S HENRY.

BUT, WHAT OF MASTER TONY...?

I WISH I KNEW...

EVERYTHING SEEMS UP TO SPEED--

SHUNK!

--THIS HAS GOT TO WORK!

GIVEN JANET'S PREVIOUS EXPOSURE TO SIMILAR CONDITIONS--

--DO YOU NOT THINK THAT A REDUNDANT PROCEDURE MIGHT BE UNWISE?

LOOK AT THE *READOUTS*! THE PROCESS WON'T TAKE! I'M *LOSING* HER!

ONLY *ONE THING* LEFT TO DO...

LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, HE *FRANTICALLY* INITIATES SEQUENCES, RE-ROUTES PROGRAMS AND ENGAGES SUB-ROUTINE CONTINGENCIES WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND--

--TO SAVE THE WOMAN HE ONCE LOVED MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF.

AND AS THE ROOM IS BATHED IN A BRILLIANT, BLINDING INCANDESCENCE...

DESPITE THE SUB-STANTIAL GLARE--

--MY VISUAL RECEPTORS CAN DISCERN A FORM TAKING SHAPE ON THE PLATFORM.

DEAR MERCY ME!

TURN IT OFF, HENRY! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO JAN...!

FSSSSSSSHHHH

CURIOUS.

IT IS...

...A COCOON.

A COCOON? HOW THE HECK DID THAT GET THERE?

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE WASP?

I DON'T KNOW! THIS IS A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECT...

SHNIK!

YEAH, WELL, IF SHE'S IN-SIDE THERE--

--THEN I'M GETTING HER OUT!

WAIT.

THAT SOUND.

SOMETHING IS APPROACHING...

...SOMETHING VERY LARGE...VERY FAST...

WE WILL SECURE THE AREA WHILE YOU ATTEND TO JANET, HENRY.

GOOD LUCK.

AT THIS RATE I'M GONNA NEED IT...

HOLY--!

FIRST, IRON MAN MURDERS MARILLA AND YELLOW-JACKET--!*

THEN HE NEARLY KILLS THE WASP--

--WHO HAS FALLEN, NOT INTO A COMA, MIND YOU, BUT INTO A COCOON, NO LESS--!

NOW, WE FIND THE LIFELESS BODIES OF QUICKSILVER AND CRYSTAL--

--AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF--

* SEE AVENGERS: THE CROSSING-- RALF.

LUNA.. WHERE IS SHE...?

--LUNA'S MISSING! GREAT!

ZZZEEEOOOWWW!

THAT PLANE IS OUT OF CONTROL!

IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT TOWARDS US!!!

THAT NOISE FROM ABOVE...GROWING LOUDER...

AVENGERS... ABOVE YOU--LOOK.

INCOMING! TAKE COVER!

TRAILING SMOKE, THE DISABLED C-140 ROARS OVER THE ESTATE...

...AND EVEN THOUGH IT BARELY MISSES THE HOUSE...

...IT IS STILL SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF PHYSICS.

FOR, WHAT EVER GOES UP MUST--

--INEVITABLY--

--COME BACK DOWN AGAIN!

AND AS THE SHOCK-WAVES FROM THE PLANE'S IMPACT ABATE...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

SOMEONE'S ACTUALLY *WALKING AWAY* FROM THE CRASH--?!

SHE EMERGES FROM THE FIERY WRECKAGE AS EASILY AS SHE WALKS INTO A ROOM.

CLIK CLIK

HER EVERY STEP EXUDES A CONFIDENCE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE BLAZE SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER.

SHE IS CLEARLY A WOMAN ACCUSTOMED TO GETTING PEOPLE'S ATTENTION.

CLIK CLIK

SHE IS MASQUE--

WE HAVE TO STOP TONY STARK--

--AND WE HAVE TO STOP HIM NOW!

--AND SHE IS HERE TO DO BUSINESS.

TO BE CONTINUED.

together? Maybe he had a good reason to do what he did. Maybe it's an alternate version/clone/evil twin Iron Man. Poor Marilla, the ultimate tragic hero with absolutely no control over the events around him and dying a senseless death. If "The Crossing" will change Avengers history forever, then I'm all for it. I'm eager to see what the lineup will be after this. Keep up the stupendous work. You all deserve a raise!

Tom Malinowski
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If there was any question as to whether Rita Demara was really killed in "The Crossing" then it was cleared up in AVENGERS #391. Shame on you if you didn't catch it! And not to make you more nervous, but she was only the first to fall...and Gilgamesh was *not* the last.

Will Wanda and the Vision reunite? Well, maybe, but not the way you expect. Big plans are in the works for them in '96!

And for the first and last time, the Tony Stark of "The Crossing" is not a clone, evil twin, or alternate reality Iron Man. He's the real McCoy–so watch out!

Dear Avengers crew,

"The Crossing" is turning out to be one of the most compelling stories that I've ever read while following the adventures of Earth's Mightiest Heroes. From what I've seen so far, you are not selling the Avengers up the river just to promote some cheap story to boost sales. The integrity of the heroes remains intact just as the mystery deepens.

It is my hope that this current saga will bring the AVENGERS family of titles into the mainstream and that it will attract new readers while satisfying the expectations of fans who have followed the characters for almost thirty years.

Now, I would like to make a special request. In the future, I would like to see more stories where the Avengers meet up with the Hulk. I know the Hulk hasn't been a member since issue #4, but they always had a common link to one another by their friendship with Rick Jones. So now would be a good time to have them come together as allies. It's a good idea and I hope you'll consider it. See you in thirty.

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Hey, Robert, we've got just what you need, right here in AVENGERS. After "The Crossing" concludes, and following a special event in January, the *entire* AVENGERS line will be crossing over with none other than the Hulk–and just in time for Valentines Day!

Dear AVENGERS,

Well, the much-hyped "Crossing" is beginning. I do not at all like or believe that Hawkeye and the Black Widow were/could be taken out by a couple goons in some curious alternate future, but I am willing to see where the story leads, even if Cap apparently will not make an appearance. This series has a lot of potential, but please do not make it a thin shadow of that alternate X-MEN future where the Sentinals take over the United States.

Hopefully, we will see more of Hawkeye in the coming issues of AVENGERS.

David Rakonitz
(Address not included)

We've got some news for you, David; "The Crossing" in no way is about establishing a dystopic future a la the X-MEN. (And if you picked up the *major* hint in that answer, shame on us!)

Dear Ralph and Matt,

Congratulations on an excellent start to "The Crossing." This much anticipated storyline had me both nervous and excited. Nervous that it was going to be nothing more than a sales pitch, excited that it might be all that you were promising. Happily, it was the latter.

The mystery of the door, which has been building since last December, was of course quite intriguing. I can only guess what is behind it (though it seems clear by now that, contrary to rumors, it doesn't lead to the Ultraverse). The "revelation" of Iron Man turned bad was something of a letdown after all the leaks that occurred prior to the story. Removing those from the picture, it was quite a stunning ending. Since Iron Man clearly has access to the door, I can only guess that he is somehow responsible for it being there, which is quite intriguing considering the mansion is not the original building we all know and love, but an alternate Avengers Mansion brought there by Ute the Watcher in AVENGERS #375. I hope Tony Stark isn't also an alternate Iron Man as that would dilute the impact of the story.

Most gratifying to me were the rekindling of relationships and the characters' personalities within the book. For too long, it seemed as if many of the characters (outside of AVENGERS at least) had sort of lost touch with their roots. Bob and Terry really returned these characters to who they are supposed to be. It was as if the original actors returned to play their roles.

I was sorry to see Captain America absent from the book, though his book is so great with the new team of Mark Waid and Ron Garney that it's almost okay that he's missing. Still, it is unfortunate that he will miss the entire "Crossing" story. While I'm on the subject, is there any chance that we will see Thor in these pages anytime soon? What with the new direction being taken in all the books and with the death of Thunderstrike, this seems like the perfect opportunity to rejoin the team.

Gerard Jackson
(Address withheld by request)

Have no fear, Gerard. Though he's facing a tough challenge in his title right now (courtesy of the Red Skull, no less), Cap will be back in time for the grand finale of "The Crossing," beginning with AVENGERS:TIMESLIDE, the bookend to this story, which will be on sale in December. As for Thor, look within that same book for a certain god of thunder to make his return.

SPECIAL NOTE: What, with this being our Halloween issue and all, we decided to have a little fun with this issue, courtesy of your esteemed creative team. If you can properly guess which member of Earth's Mightiest Heroes is wearing a Halloween costume in this issue first, you'll recieve this very page from us in the mail, signed by none other than Bob, Terry, Ralph, and Tom! The winner will be picked based on the earliest postmark, so break out those magnifying glasses and stamps!

And now, down below, for your pleasure, is the cover to AVENGERS:-TIMESLIDE. And just think, it doesn't even end there!

NEXT ISSUE

MULTIPLE CHOICE TIME
A) The final fate of the Wasp
B) The secret of the Door–revealed!
C) The Avengers decide on their final course of action.
D) All of the above.
If you chose D), you are correct!

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